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Applicants request an extension of the time of two (2) months to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed December 4, 2000. Based on the extension requested, the extended period for response will expire on May 4, 2001. A Continued Prosecution Application ("CPA") and Preliminary Amendment are filed herewith. Applicant is a small entity and therefore a check for the requisite fee (\$195.00) required under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(1)-(5)) is enclosed. The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional extension fee required or credit any excess fee paid to Deposit Account 10-0447, reference 41241.00006USD1.

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